

# Nominating Committee Report

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

- The crucial offices of DLA President, Vice-President/Committee Chair, ALA Councilor, and Treasurer were all filled since the beginning of 2018. These offices became official at the MLA/DLA Conference this past May.
- There are still two DLA committees that require chairs:
  - First, there's the Handbook/Bylaws committee – a relatively simple position, where the committee chair will be in charge of receiving proposals for amendments or additions to the DLA Handbook. This position is potentially exciting for movers and shakers, as the handbook has not been updated in almost five years, and the organization is changing.
  - Next, the Legislative Action committee, which is a very exciting position for people who are passionate and articulate about the future of libraries in Delaware. This person's duty is basically to keep DLA and its members abreast of important legislature and political events where the best interests of libraries are at stake.
    - Attached you will find descriptions of both committees and their primary duties.
- An expectation of service document will be drafted at the end of summer for all current committee chairs, as an attempt to streamline efforts and understanding of the committees' respective duties and responsibilities. I will be working with Sara and Michelle on this.
- If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking over either of the available – or if you yourself are up for it! – please contact me at [tyler.antoine@lib.de.us](mailto:tyler.antoine@lib.de.us), or give me a call at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library at (302) 227-8044.

## **Handbook and Bylaws Committee (Special)**

Should have at least three members. This committee should be appointed every three years.

Duties:

1. To consider and recommend needed changes in the Handbook and Bylaws.

## **Legislative Action Committee (Standing)**

The past president may serve as chairperson of this committee. Other committee members should include the president of DLA, State Librarian, County Library Directors, and others who are needed for a coordinated legislative effort. Some members should be reappointed to assure continuity.

Duties:

1. To maintain an active and responsive legislative network and originate or participate in coalitions which attempt to achieve DLA's goals.
2. To conduct programs to educate the Delaware Library Association membership and committees as to what the library issues are and how they can be effective in the political process. These may include: a) holding workshops, conducting programs; b) publishing a newsletter or fact sheet.
3. To alert the citizenry when important legislation, regulations, or ordinances affecting library services are being considered by Federal, State, or local governments.
4. To keep civic and educational organizations in Delaware informed of DLA's legislative
5. interest and urge them to give their active support.
6. To submit articles to the Bulletin when appropriate.